

## Registration Form for City of Maricopa Special Event SALSA CONTESTANT

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Salsa Festival - Saturday, April 24, 2010**  
**EVENT HOURS:** 5-9 p.m. **SET-UP:** 12- 1 p.m. **SALSA PREPARATION:** 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
*Pacana Park, 19000 N. Porter Rd., Maricopa*

### CONTESTANT INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL/TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY: ☐ Best Hot Salsa ☐ Best Mild Salsa ☐ Most Unusual  
*(Please note: If you wish to enter multiple categories, you must fill out a separate registration form for each category)*

ARE YOU A RESTAURANT: ☐ Yes ☐ No

HEAD CHEF: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD CHEF PHONE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ HEAD CHEF CELL: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD CHEF EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

To the extent allowed by law, I hereby absolve the City of Maricopa, its employees, sponsors, agents, independent contractors, and officers from all liability which may arise as the result of my/our participation in activities I or any member of my family attends or registers into; and, in the event that the above named participant is a minor, I hereby give my permission for his or her participation as indicated and in so doing absolve the City of Maricopa, its employees, sponsors, agents, independent contractors, and officers from such liability. I am aware that if I am participating in a special event that I am liable for all issues arising to and pertaining to my participation and hereby resolve the City of Maricopa of special event liability. I release use of my/our photos taken during program participation from all and any claims and demands resulting from their use in program publicity.

I understand that this is a request form only until signed by a City of Maricopa Special Event staff person. Once this form is signed by both parties it will be considered a binding agreement.

By signing below I agree to abide by the rules and conditions set forth by the City of Maricopa.

HEAD CHEF SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF MARICOPA SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT FORM TO: City Hall, 45145 W. Madison Ave. Maricopa, AZ 85139 or**

**FAX TO: 520-568-9120 or MAIL TO: City of Maricopa, Community Services Special Events, PO Box 610, Maricopa, AZ 85139**

*For questions please contact:*

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Date Received _____	Approval _____
Staff Initials _____	Contestant # _____
Booth # _____	

## **SALSA COMPETITION RULES**

### **GENERAL**

- 1) Various categories are established as guidelines to ensure fair competition between individuals/teams.
- 2) A business, company or individual is allowed to offer salsa related items for sale to any event attendee. Salsa must be pre-made at a commercially licensed facility and contained in a jar with appropriate labels. If you are interested in giving away promotional items, please contact the Community Services Department for further information and note that on your application.
- 3) A team consists of two (2) or more people entering the event together. A team is limited to no more than three (3) people due to space limitations.
- 4) Individuals and teams are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking utensils, tables and coolers, etc.
- 5) All entrants must prepare at least eight (8) gallons of salsa for the event with one pint set aside for judging (a container will be provided).

### **SET-UP/TEARDOWN**

- 1) Each team will be allocated a space no larger than 12' x 12'. You are responsible for your own: tables, chairs and tents.
- 2) Sample cups, chips and napkins will be provided by the City of Maricopa. Each entrant will be allocated a specific number of cups. If you run out, please notify the Salsa Ranger for assistance. Contestants may label their cups either with a black, blue or red marker or with printed labels.
- 3) The event will have limited access to electricity. If you require electrical access (e.g., for blender) please note this request on the registration form. You are responsible for power cords and surge protectors.
- 4) Teams having special requirements for their stand/display must notify the Community Services Department at the time of application. Stand set up begins at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010.
- 5) All salsa must be prepared on-site starting at 1 p.m. You must have a cooler and ice to store salsa not being used. All contestants must be ready to go by 4:45 p.m. as the event and public tasting starts sharply at 5 p.m.
- 6) Stands must be cleaned and completely removed from the site no later than 10 p.m.
- 7) Load/unload: Salsa Chefs are not allowed to drive on turf. We will provide assistance to move your product to your assigned location.

### **PINAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS**

- 1) No food prepared at home shall be sold or given away. No home canned foods are allowed.
- 2) No smoking allowed; Pinal County Park is a smoke-free environment.
- 3) All receipts and bills of sale must be retained and made available upon request by Pinal County Health Department.
- 4) Off-site preparation can take place the day before the event in a permitted facility that is equipped to handle food.
- 5) The food booth must be sanitized at all times.
- 6) Styrofoam ice chests are not allowed.
- 7) No bare hand contact of ready to eat foods is allowed.
- 8) You must also provide a hand washing station consisting of: water cooler with valve, soap, paper towels and a small bucket to collect waste water.
- 9) No seafood products are allowed.

### **JUDGING & AWARDS**

- 1) Everyone attending the Maricopa Salsa Festival will have an opportunity to cast a ballot for Best Overall Salsa, Best Hot Salsa, Best Mild Salsa, and Most Unusual Salsa.
- 2) All results are final and binding.
- 3) All entrants participate at their own risk and liability. The City of Maricopa is not liable for losses or damages resulting from participation in this event. The City of Maricopa and sponsors reserve the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. The City of Maricopa and the Salsa Festival Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team for violation of these rules.

**The Salsa Festival** is a traditional salsa competition with contestants battling for a \$1,000 cash prize for Best Overall Salsa. Contestants will also have the opportunity to win \$500 cash awards for Best Hot Salsa, Best Mild Salsa, and Most Unusual Salsa.

Please note that the City of Maricopa is not charging a registration fee for this event for participants or for attendees.

Spaces will be assigned based on the category and the order in which packets are received. You must attend the Salsa Chef Meeting to reserve your spot in the competition. If you are unable to attend, you must have a representative in attendance.

All Salsa Participants must complete the attached Pinal County Environmental Health Services Application for Temporary Event Food Booth form and return it with their registration form.

You may begin preparing your salsa at 1 p.m. The Pinal County Health Inspector will be inspecting as you prepare.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Salsa Registration opens              | February 1, 2010            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration deadline                 | April 5, 2010               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pinal County Health Permit due        | April 5, 2010               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Salsa Chef Meeting          | April 19, 2010              |
| ○ City Hall  | 6:30 p.m.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Salsa Festival | April 24, 2010              |
| ○ Booth Set-up   | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.            |
| ○ Final Inspections  | 1 p.m.                      |
| ○ Salsa Preparation  | 1 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.          |
| ○ Event Hours  | 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.             |
| ○ Space Clean up   | Immediately after the event |